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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
12 WORK WITH THE NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, THE OFFICE
13 OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES ON
14 STREAMLINING THE CAPITAL OUTLAY PROCESS FOR PROJECTS IN INDIAN
15 NATIONS, TRIBES AND PUEBLOS.

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17 WHEREAS, the legislature partially funds capital projects,
18 including projects in Indian nations, tribes and pueblos, which
19 results in partial development and compromised quality;

20 WHEREAS, many capital projects in Indian nations, tribes
21 and pueblos linger for years without completion and may need a
22 new capital request or to be reauthorized; and

23 WHEREAS, because of partial funding and lack of project
24 readiness, many capital projects in Indian nations, tribes and
25 pueblos cannot be implemented within the requisite time frame;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, a reliable reporting system to allow the
3 continuous tracking of capital project status does not exist,
4 which contributes to a low project completion rate in Indian
5 nations, tribes and pueblos; and

6 WHEREAS, boiler plate forms and training in scopes of work
7 and joint powers agreements may streamline and expedite the
8 capital outlay process for projects in Indian nations, tribes
9 and pueblos;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of the attorney general
12 collaborate with the New Mexico office of Indian affairs on
13 developing boiler plate forms to include scopes of work and
14 joint powers agreements; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico office of
16 Indian affairs collaborate with the department of environment,
17 the department of transportation and the office of cultural
18 affairs on providing archaeological clearances and
19 environmental assessments before beginning construction on
20 roads and buildings in Indian nations, tribes and pueblos; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor work with the
22 Navajo Nation to negotiate means by which small contracts may
23 be completed through direct cooperation; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico office of
25 Indian affairs and the office of the attorney general work with

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1 Indian nations, tribes and pueblos to develop a standard method
2 for determining indigency to allow power projects in the
3 communities; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of finance and
5 administration establish a uniform tracking system in the
6 state, including boiler plate forms, processes and tracking and
7 a method for automatically transmitting data from the fiscal
8 agent to the legislative finance committee, the legislative
9 council service, the department of finance and administration
10 and to other parties requiring information about a capital
11 project's status; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico office of
13 Indian affairs hold subject matter meetings detailing scopes of
14 work and joint powers agreements for specific capital project
15 categories; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Indian nations, tribes and
17 pueblos be encouraged to authorize one contractor for several
18 similar capital projects; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the department of finance and administration,
21 the legislative finance committee, the New Mexico office of
22 Indian affairs, the office of the attorney general and the
23 transportation and community development committee of the
24 Navajo Nation council.